Kalluipalam, with one of the Assistants from the local Hospital as the Medical Officer in charge.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

176. Certain needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

Mr. Ousep Kochu Ousep (Member, Ambalapuzha taluk) represented the following needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk :—

(1) The canal from Alleppey to Changanasseri already cut to a length of 4 miles should be completed as early as possible.

(2) The construction of a road from Thiruvella to Ambalapuzha sanctioned some years back should be taken up at an early date. If that could not be done at present, at least the portion of the proposed road from Thakazhi to Thalavadi should be constructed, so as to establish a land route between those two places which were connected with Ambalapuzha and Thiruvalla respectively by two village roads.

(3) A Munsiff's court should be established at Ambalapuzha.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

177. Needs of the Vaikom taluk.

Mr. Ousep Avira Tharakan (Member, Nominated) represented that the appellate jurisdiction over the Vaikom Munsiff's court should be transferred from the Parur District Court to the Alleppey or Kottayam District Court, as Vaikom was nearer to Alleppey and Kottayam than Parur. The journey from Vaikom to the latter place occupied nearly two days, while that to the former places could be made in a few hours. The appellate jurisdiction over the Vaikom Munsiff's Court which formerly vested in the Alleppey District Court was transferred to the Parur District Court some time back. The Member pointed out that the necessity for the appointment of a temporary Second Judge at Parur could be avoided if his request be granted, for such a change of appellate jurisdiction would result in a fall in the file of the Parur District Court.

The Member next requested that classes VIII and IX be opened in the Higher Grade Vernacular school at Thaikattusseri.

He then pointed out that the study of Malayalam was very much neglected and that sufficient encouragement had not been given to higher Vernacular education. There were at present only six Vernacular High Schools in the whole State. The Member prayed that the number of Vernacular High Schools should be increased with a view to give better impetus to the study of Malayalam. He thanked the Government for reviving the Vernacular Higher Examination which was abolished a few years back. In reference to the Vaikom and Shertalai taluks he said that there were more than 20 Higher Grade Vernacular schools. The boys who passed from those schools found it difficult to continue their studies further for want of a Vernacular High school. Their poverty prevented them from going to distant places, such as Thiruvella, Trivandrum &c. He, therefore, prayed that a Vernacular High School be established at Thaikattusseri and that an Industrial branch be attached to that school. The Member also stated that the people were ready to put up buildings at their cost, if any were required.

Dewan's reply.—Arrangements have been made for the opening of class VIII in the Thycattusseri Higher Grade Vernacular School, with the beginning of the next school year. Government have already sanctioned the establishment of an additional court at Parur. The Member's request for transfer of appellate jurisdiction will however be considered. The other points are noted.

178. Needs of the Changanachery taluk.

Mr. A. Madhavan Pillai (Member, Changanachery taluk) strongly urged the need for the opening of the Chalakkal and Kuttipuzha canals. As regards the former he said that more than half its length had been cut and if that be completed it would irrigate large areas of paddy fields and the out-put of paddy in the taluk would be increased very much. The people were even prepared to pay some

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cess to recover the outlay which the Government would have to invest. The work which was started and carried out after spending about Rs. 20,000 was stopped on the ground that a rock was found in the middle of the *thodu* and that the cost of blasting it would be very great.

As regards the Kuttipuzha *thodu*, he said that it was useful for irrigating a large area of punja lands and that a portion of it had been cut. The *punja* lands commanded by that *thodu* were cultivated only in alternate years, but if the *thodu* be cut and improved, all those lands could be cultivated every year. The *thodu* would also serve as a means of communication for the people.

Mr. Ousep Devasia (Member, Trading classes, Changanacherry) said that he supported the proposals of the previous Member to open the two *thodus* referred to by him.

The Member then requested that the Cherukara canal should be improved by widening and deepening it in some places. The existing canal from Cherukara in the Vembanad lake to the Changanacherri market landing was very narrow and circuitous and the length of the canal was 12 miles.

His next request was that the canal from Changanacherri to Alleppey which had been cut only as far as the Kainakari river to a distance of 4 miles be deepened.

The Member then urged that the Changanacherri market landing should be improved and that the place south of the local market should be placed at the disposal of the Town Improvement Committee, for being utilised as an open ground for the use of the public, the Travellers' Bungalow being removed to a more convenient place.

Dewan's reply.—The representations of the Members are noted.

[*Mr. S. Padmanabha Panikkar* (Member, Nominated) presented, at this stage, a Memorial signed by the Ezhava Members of the Assembly, praying for the early passing of the Ezhava Bill into law.]

179. Special needs of the Kunnathnad taluk.

Mr. G. Subramonia Iyer (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) thanked the Government for sanctioning a sum of Rs. 4,600 for improving the *chira* near the Perumbavur temple as the outcome of the representation made at the last Session of the Assembly. He stated that the local Munsiff's Court was now held in the Satrom and that as the whole Satrom building was taken up by the court, travellers were put to much inconvenience. It was in the Taluk Cutcherry buildings that the First Class Magistrate's Court was held and a shed constructed at a cost of Rs. 700 was in a dilapidated condition. A portion of the verandah of that building had been used as an office room for the clerks in the Taluk Cutcherry and valuable records were kept there. The public were also deprived of the use of the verandah. He, therefore, requested that the necessary buildings should be constructed for holding the two Courts. He then urged the following other needs of the taluk:—

(1) The standard of the Lower Grade English School at Perumbavur should be raised.

(2) A sanitary staff should be appointed to look after the sanitation of the Perumbavur town.

(3) The local dispensary should be converted into a well-equipped Hospital and the appointment of a midwife in the local Dispensary, already sanctioned, should be made as early as possible.

(4) The portion of the canal from the Perumbavur Market to the Periyar river as far as Mudikal should be improved and made navigable throughout the year, so that boats laden with goods might reach the market landing.

(5) Bathing ghats should also be constructed on the banks of the above canal.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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